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FOOD DEALERS OF VALLEY ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION

Meeting in Borough Building Well Attended By Local Merchants

INCREASE SUGAR ALLOTMENT

At a meeting of the retail and wholesale merchants of Charleroi and nearby towns held in the borough building Tuesday evening an association for the mutual protection of the merchants as well as the consumers was organized, the object of the association being to work in conjunction with the county, state and national food administrators and secure an equitable distribution of food stuffs of all kinds.

The meeting was called by the local food administrator W. W. Darby as chairman. Officers elected were R. C. Mountsier, president and B. B. Fox, secretary. Three sets of directors were elected to represent the different branches of the mercantile trade. Those to represent the grocers and fruit dealers were M. Gelder, August Mahieu, Bert Strauser and Paul Diano of Charleroi; Davis Woodward of Lock No. 4; and Seth Thomas of Roscoe. Those to represent the bakers were P. Calisri and James Stevenson while J. J. Sonnenlitter and P. Parent are the directors for the butchers.

It will be the duty of the directors to take up any local complaint in their line and with the aid of the local food administrator secure a settlement. If this is not possible the matter can then be referred to the county administration.

All merchants were requested to join the county organization and in this way cooperate with all other county merchants in securing an equitable distribution of food.

The sugar question was taken up and discussed. It developed that the sugar in Charleroi was a little more plentiful and it was agreed to increase the allotment. The previous method allowed a family of from two to five one pound of sugar per week. The new method of distribution is that each member of the family will be granted three-fourths of a pound of sugar per week or three pounds per month. This means that a family of two persons will be given six pounds per month while four persons in a family will be granted twelve pounds. It is thought that if sugar is conserved and the usual allotment secured each week that a surplus for canning purposes might be had.

A committee on substitutes consisting of J. E. Masters and B. B. Fox was named. It will be the duty of this committee to confer with the county administrator in an effort to secure a more satisfactory method of distributing wheat flour substitutes. In case a ruling cannot be secured from the county administrator the matter will be taken up with state officials and if necessary the national administrator.

A membership fee of $5.00 per year to cover expenses of the association was levied.

PUMP BOAT DELUGE SUNK DURING STORM

Taken to the Alicia mine of the W. Harry Brown coal company for the purpose of pumping out the steamer Alicia which was sunk after being caught in the ice some time ago the pump boat now lies on its side near the other boat. The heavy wind and rain storm of Monday night capsized and sunk her. It is not known now what steps will be taken to raise the sunken vessels.

LECTURED ON SUBSTITUTES

Representative of Farm Bureau Gave Interesting Demonstration

RECEIPTS ARE RECOMMENDED

Tuesday evening in the Domestic Science room of the high school building Miss Emma Stratton, Emergency Food Demonstrator gave her talk and demonstration of "The Uses of Grain and Grain Substitutes." There were 42 women in attendance and they manifested much interest in the meeting. This morning Miss Stratton gave an interesting talk using the subject of "Uses of Meat and meat Substitutes." At this afternoon's meeting the subject was "The Planning of the Menu, with Food Requirements" and "The Uses of the Commercial Pattern." A request has been made for the following receipts which were recommended at the Tuesday evening meeting:

Corn Bread (one loaf)

1 1-2 cup liquid, 1 cup cornmeal, 1 tablespoonful fat, 1 1-2 teaspoonful salt. 1 tablespoonful sugar, 3 cups flour, (more or less) 1-4 to 1-2 yeast cake softened in 1-2 cup luke warm water.

Bring cornmeal and 1 cup of liquid to boiling point, then continue cooking for 20 minutes in a double boiler. Add salt, sugar and fat. When lukewarm, add yeast which has been softened in 1-2 cup likewarm water. Beat well. Add flour to make a sponge. Let stand till light and foamy. Add flour to make dough. Knead until smooth an elstic. When a little more than double in bulk, shape into loaf. When a little more than twice its original size, bake from 50 minutes to 1 hour.

Oatmeal Hermits.

One-half cup sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls shortening. 1 egg. 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1-2 cup raisins, 1 cup flour. 1-2 cup milk, 1 cup oatmeal 1-2 teaspoonful soda. Speck of salt. Cream butter add sugar. mix and oatmeal. Add to the creamed butter and sugar alternately with milk. Stir in the floured raisins. Drop on greased pan and bake.

sift dry ingredients and stir in the

WOMEN WILL NOT ALLOW NEXT DRAFT TO DELAY MANUFACTURE OF "TOOLS OF VICTORY"

There will be no confusion and delay in the manufacture of the tools of victory when Uncle Sam issues the second call for men, now said to be set for May 1. For here is a typical scene in all the war munition factories. Girls and women who are taking the place of men in the lighter work. This fair maiden is putting the final touches to turnbuckles for airplanes, in one of the big plants, "somewhere on the Atlantic coast." Therefore, Uncle Sam will know no labor scarcity when the next million Hun hunters go to training camps.

FOUR MINUTE MEN OPEN CAMPAIGN

The Four Minute Men got in action in Charleroi last night and three of the speakers appointed by Hugh E. Fergus, chairman of the department of publicity for this district addressed meetings at the Coyle, Majestic and Palace Theatres. The subject of discussion last night was "The Danger to Democracy" and was ably handled by the different speakers. While the same subject prevailed at the various meetings it was handled in different manner by each speaker.

Tonight the men to address the meetings are W. R. Gaut at the Coyle, R. W. Brown at the Majestic and Guy Moffitt at the Palace. Friday evening J. B. Tussing will speak at the Coyle D. R. Hommell at the Majestic and Thos. H. Warrensford at the Palace.

LOCAL BOY IS ILL AT CAMP SHERMAN

Albert Lutes, son of Mrs. Mary L. Lutes of Meadow avenue and who is a member of the Supply company at Camp Sherman is confined to the base hospital at that place suffering from scarlet fever.

MUTTON AND LAMB STILL RESTRICTED

A mistaken impression has gone abroad that mutton and lamb have been removed from the meat restrictions of meatless Tuesday. The State Food Administration today explained the situation in the following statement:

"An erroneous report was issued from Washington several days ago in which it was stated that mutton and lamb might be recognized as proper food on meatless Tuesday. The order really stated that only in the west might mutton and lamb be eaten on meatless Tuesday, and that the third day of the week must continue to be observed in the States east of the Mississippi (except Wisconsin and Indiana) until our savings of meat for export to the hungry men, women and children of the allied nations are sufficient to warrant a lifting of the restriction.

"Therefore the people of Pennsylvania will please continue to observe Tuesday as an absolutely meatless day."

Mrs. J. G. Albright, Mrs. Fred Brady and Mrs. Guy Woodward spent Wednesday in Pittsburg. This evening they will be joined by Mr. Albright, Mr. Brady and Mr. Woodward and will witness the production of "Hitchy-Coo" at the Nixon theatre.

Wm. S. Hart in "The Two Gun Man" 6 Parts. Coyle Theatre Friday.

CHARLEROI EMERGENCY AMBULANCE HAS ARRIVED

Brought From Cleveland by Chief Albright and Guy Woodward

FOR FREE USE OF PUBLIC

Today Charleroi added to its public equipment, considerably, by the installation of the new Emergency Ambulance. The Ambulance is built on a Peerless extended chassis and the body was made by the Brown Auto Carriage Company, one of the best companies of its kind, of Cleveland, Ohio. It is finished in grey and has the name Charleroi Emergency in gold letters on each side.

The ambulance is one of the best in the Monongahela valley being fully equipped. It will accommodate two patients, a doctor, nurse and one or two passengers. The bed for one patient pulls from the right hand side. Just above it suspended on springs is the stretcher for an additional patient. This may be removed and placed in a compartment in the rear door when not in use. The seating space for the doctor, etc., is along the left side. There is a stationary white porcelain basin with running water and a medicince and first aid cabinet which will be fully equipped. It has two electric light domes.

Chief of Police Albright and Guy Woodward drove the new ambulance from Cleveland, arriving here Tuesday evening. It will be at the service of the people of Charleroi and community and by calling the chief or any member of the police force it can be obtained for use. No charge will be made for the service, as the car was purchased with funds made possible by various entertainments and contributions, but as it will be quite an expense to maintain the car contributions will be received at all times. Complete it will cost between $3500 and $3800.

POLICE TELEPHONE HAS BEEN INSTALLED

The telephone ordered installed at the corner of Fifth street and McKean avenue by the borough council, for the use of the police forces has been installed by the workmen of the Charleroi Telephone company. A large gong is placed above the phone for calling after which a red light remains burning until an officer answers with the Charleroi Telephone company only.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Westminster Guild of Washington Avenue Church Meets

FIVE ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP

The Westminister Guild of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church met Tuesday evening in the Sunday school room of the church. Miss Mamie Rockwell, the president presided. The program was in charge of Miss Nora Swan, assisted by Miss Bella Gehe and Mrs. Russel Blythe. "Brazil and Chili" were the countries discussed and the national characters were Don Pedro and David Trumbell. It was brought out that the present enlightment of Brazil was largely due to the work of Don Pedro, who established free schools and abolished slavery. A solo was contributed by Miss Emma Clutter accompanied by Miss Bethel Bowman. Five names were submitted for membership in the Guild. The following officers were elected for the new year and will be installed at the next meeting: President, Genevieve Nutt; vice president, Grace Gelder; secretary, Helen Fleming; treasurer, Stella Baudoux; pianist, Mrs. Cecy Gaut; temperance secretary, Robina Gunderman.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott presented a memorial for the late Mrs. Potts, who had charge of the Young Peoples Work for so many years. Rrefreshments were served and Red Cross knitting closed the evening.

Daisy Elma Burkett.

Daisy Elma Burkett daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Burkett and Mary M. Burkett, died at 6 a. m. Tuesday, February 26. Funeral services at her late residence Steubenville pike, Robinson Township on Thursday at 2.30 p. m. Interment will be in the Montour cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Sickman spent Wednesday in Pittsburg.

REQUEST THAT UNSOLD TICKETS BE RETURNED

It has been requested that all those who have tickets for sale for the Dwight Hillis lecture next week and are unable to dispose of them that they be returned to Miss Minnie Richardson at her office on McKean avenue. The seating capacity of the hall is limited and already enough tickets have been put out to fill it to capacity if all are sold. While some who have tickets are able to dispose of the entire amount others are not and if they return those unsold they can be used to fill the demand. A prompt compliance with this request is desired.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR RICHARD M. DAVIS TODAY

Funeral services for Richard M. Davis, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis of Sixth street was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Rev. C. A. Hartung assisted by Rev. Page had charge of the service.

Majestic Theatre Today
Madge Evans and Henry Hull, in "THE VOLUNTEER"

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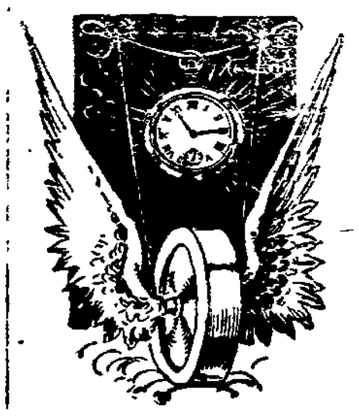
Coyle Theatre Today
EFFIE SHANNON, in "Her Boy"
Friday William S. Hart, in "The Two Gun Man"



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IS THIS YOUR PROGRAM

The National Food Administration has asked the people of the United States to observe the following days:

Monday—Wheatless Day.
Tuesday—Meatless Day.
Wednesday—Wheatless Day.
Saturday—Porkless Day.

One wheatless and one meatless meal every day.

This is the "Liberty Diet' prescribed by the food administration—Help Hoover Hit the Hun.

SHIPS THAT PASS

Old-time rivermen read with regret of the passing of the big fleet of towing steamers, which is now slowly disintegrating. The big boats, once the pride of their owners, soon will be no more, and a spectacular feature of western waters will have passed away possibly never to return.

Pioneer coal men were venturesome individuals and the once having entened into the production of bitumen, they were soon in the transportation business. They built boats and barges as well as model barges, along with the big steamboats which plied the Ohio and Mississippi rivers for years, carrying supplies of fuel to far distant southern points which otherwise might have had to get along indifferently with substitutes. But the owners of these boats as well as the men who manned them, were brave and sometimes reckless for it was a rough life but they appeared to enjoy the excitement and usually managed to make ends meet although there were financial disasters in their ranks the same as in other lines of venture.

But the steamboat was a civilizer at that. It carried the products of civilization to many distant points in the United States and long before the scream of the locomotive was heard, the steamboat had carried the advancing hosts of civilization and then brought their supplies for years after that period.

When the coal operators sold out to what was termed the "Combine" in 1898, just twenty years ago, they turned over some of the finest appointed steamboats ever seen on western waters. Boats in good condition and capable of doing great work, but of that vast fleet of steamers which was in existence at that time but a shadow remains today. Wrecked, sunk, destroyed by fire and ice many of them allowed to rot at the ends of shore hawsers, the great armada of coal towing steamers of other days has gradually passed into the memory of those who in the days of development followed the river as a means of livelihood because of their love for the game. Whether the places of these big boats will betaken by others it is hard to determine, although the government may take steps some day to bring back to the river some of the glory of that was formerly its own.

UTILIZING SUBSTITUTES

Charleroi housekeepers are having an opportunity, brief though it be, of learning something of the efforts of the government to assist them in the great work of food conservation. A representative of the government, sent by State College and working under direction of the County Farm Bureau, is here to give information and instruction to housekeepers with a view of utilizing to the fullest extent the substitutes which we must buy with flour.

Undoubtedly there is much to be learned in this field and we have every assurance that Miss Stratton who is with us for a few days is competent in every respect to impart the information that should be valuable to the housekeeper in utilizing the cereals which the government has said must be purchased with the flour we use.

Furthermore, it is important that Charleroi, as a community, get as much of this information as possible. No man can prophecy with any degree of certainty the ending of the present war. We may have to conserve to a greater extent than ever and it is imperative that we know the best methods by which this can be done. No doubt corn will be used as an article of foodstuff to a greater extent than ever in the United States the coming fall and winter and we should absorb all the knowledge possible as to the best manner of preparing this product. Europe cannot use it for various reasons, chief of which is because corn not being a European product, they have no means available of preparing it as a food. Another reason is the fact that most of the women of France, particularly are engaged in manual labor on farms, in factories, in every avenue of life practically in which labor is utilized, hence they have but little time to bake and to cook. We must conserve wheat, and we should prepare ourselves to use the substitutes to the greatest extent.

OUR HOME DUTY

The local community has sent another contingent of its citizens to be trained for soldiers and while the novelty of the departure of men for this purpose has worn off to a great extent at thesa me time the void in the homes of those who go is no less than that of those who left nome earlier in the war.

We are becoming somewhat hardened to the fact that men have been called to service in the armies of the United States and do not look with the same degree of awe upon the departing soldier as we formerly did. We will be called upon during the coming summer to bid farewell to many other contingents, for we are assured that another draft will take place early in May and possibly late in April.

Whenever it is, it will come before many of us are ready, for we always wish that the day of departing could be removed away into the distant future. The government, however, always places a definite date for the departure of its men, once they are called and this feature applies to men called for service in the great armies now in the course of making at the various cantonments throughout the country.

While we may lack some of the feeling which characterized the departure of other contingents we should nevertheless re-consecrate ourselves to the work which is at hand, that of taking care of the many comforts which have originated for the benefit of the boys who are called to the front and who are called upon to endure many hardships. We have much to do at home and in this work we should not prove slackers.

An occasional fine day in February makes the amateur gardener think of the garden he is going to have when spring really arrives. Just the same this same amateur agriculturist was some force in the production of food in the year 1917, and he is going to be an even greater one in the year 1918.

Torrential rains, such as visited this locality Monday night, are apt to leave in their wake a great deal of destruction. High hills, making short watersheds, constitute somewhat of a menace when the heavens open to send the rain. The need of well cared for storm sewers is one of the necessities of a community like Charleroi.

The Lenine-Trotzky combination was lamentably weak when it came to leading a people like the Russians to do anything like an enlightened peace. It looks as if they had plunged Russia into the depths from which the allies will likely have to rescue her.

Predictions of financial writers that the war is apt to last for at least five years more, brings anything but a feeling of reassurance to the American people. However, we have entered into the game for a great purpose and a great cause and we must come out of it victorious.

Those in charge of the Russian government are making strenuous efforts to save Petrograd. Possibly they are beginning too late.

Germany is ready for peace on President Wilson's terms, if——.

CHARLEROI BOY WAS CAPTAIN OF DRAFTEES

Harry Davis of Charleroi, was selected as Captain of the draftees of the fifth district who left Donora Tuesday morning for Camp Sherman Ohio. At the banquet tendered in the Elks rooms Tuesday evening, John O. Watson, presidentof the draft board acted as toastmaster, and addresses were made by Dr. Wood, retiring member of the board, Dr. Stewart his successor, and Mr. Koedel, secretary of the board. After the banquet the boys were entertained with vaudeville in which "Murph" Byers had a leading part.

WOMAN PLANS TO RETURN TO TRENCHES

Two years in the trenches fighting shoulder to shoulder with the brave Serbians has made a "fighting man" of the plucky Irish woman, Flora Sandes, now back in England on vacation. Being invalided from the regimental ambulance two years ago this woman joined the Serbs as a private. She was decorated for bravery, then promoted and is now sergeant major Flora Sandes. She returns to the front soon.

RECEIPTS GIVEN BY MISS STRATTON

Miss Stratton, who is giving demonstrations in the domestic science rooms of the high school building this evening, has furnished the Mail with the following receipts for the benefit of our readers, which we hope the housekeepers will cut out and paste in their cook books. They will come in valuable some time. The receipts are as follows:

Corn and Rice Muffins

1 cup corn meal, 1 cup boiled rice, rice. 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup flour, 1 egg, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons melted fat or oil, 3 teaspoons baking powder. Mix and sift dry ingredients. Add milk slowly. Beat in the rice and add well beaten egg, and melted fat. Beat thoroughly. Bake in greased muffin tins 30 minutes.

Cocoanut Indian Souffle

1 cup milk, 6 tablespoons cornmeal, 2 tablespoons flour, 1-2 cup cocoanut, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1-8 teaspoon salt, 2 eggs.

Scald milk in double boiler. Mix cornmeal and flour and add to hot milk, stirring constanly. Cook till thick and smooth. Remove from fire and add sugar, salt and cocoanut and well beaten egg yolks. Mix thoroughly. Cut a fold in the stiffly beaten whites, turn into a greased baking dish, place in pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven for one-half hour. NOTE—This may also be cooked over hot water in the double boiler. Chopped dates, raisins or cooked prunes may be used in place of the cocoanut.

FOUR MINUTE MEN WILL SPEAK ON FRIDAY

In an article last night regarding the Four Minute Men it was stated that addresses would be made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. It should have been stated that Thursday evening would be open and that the last address this week would be on Friday night.

YOUNG LADIES CIRCLE HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

The Young Ladies Circle of the First Presbyterian church held a business meeting in the parlors of the church Tuesday evening. Following the business session the guests knitted for the Red Cross society. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunter on Washington avenue with Misses Matilda and Lottie Kline as hostesses.

Alleges Driver Was Drunk.

After the completion of the homicide case in criminal court yesterday there remained just one case for trial. It is that of the commonwealth a gainst Mahlon McCune, California, charged with a violation of the automobile laws. The private prosecutor is C. A. Pollock. He avers that McCune, while under the influence of liquor drove his car at an excessive rate of speed and in a careless manner and in doing so ran into and damaged a car of the prosecutor. The jury was out when court adjourned.

ASKS COURT TO SET ASIDE RETURN TO SERVICE

The United Coal company, defendant in an action in trespass brought against it by John Landik, has filed a motion to have the court set aside the sheriff's return of service of the statement of the plaintiff's claim and to strike the case from the trial list. This is a suit filed to recover $5000 damages for alleged personal injuries received by the plaintiff on November 24, 1915 while in the employ of the defendant company at its mine at Meadowlands.

The case was filed September 15, 1916 and on October 2, 1916, the defendant company by its attorneys, Brownson, Dorman & Miller, entered an appearance to have the sheriff's return set aside whenever it would be filed. For a number of months after words the attorneys for the defendant watched the records and inquired of the sheriff and learned that no return had been made. The record of the case does not show the date when the sheriff's return was made and the first notice that the defendant or its counsel had that return of service had been made was when the case appeared on the trial list.

The sheriff's return shows that the statement was served on one. William Minford, superintendent in charge of the business of the defendant company. It shows that the statement was served September 19, 1916. The defendant company claims that on that date William Minford was not in its employ, but was in the employ of the United Coal Corporation which had purchased the Richhill mine from the United Coal company.

DONORA PEOPLE MAY ATTEND HILLIS LECTURE

Inquiries for tickets to the Dr. Hillis lecture to be given in the high school auditorium Thursday evening March 7, were made from Donora on Tuesday. It is possible that quite a number of citizens of that community will be here that evening to hear the message which the distinguished speaker is to bring, having learned something of the import of his message from those who heard it in Monessen. From present appearances there will be more than a crowded house, as the sale of tickets is reported away beyond expectations.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jessie Minor of Uniontown spent several days at the home of Mrs. John W. Jobes of Lookout avenue.

Mrs. J. G. Steinbaugh of Fallowfield avenue visited at Monessen Wednesday with her sister Mrs. William Pritchard

Paul A. Kimmins was a business caller in Brownsville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Hartung, and baby, Owen, of Butler, who have been the guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Hartung of Crest avenue left for their home this morning.

The Kensington Club of the Lutheran church will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herman K. Lang on Seventh street. 216-t1

Daily Thought.

Few persons have courage enough to appear as good they really are.—J. C. and A. W. Hare.

Restores the Balance.

Each solitary kind of action that is done, the world over, is working briskly in its own sphere to restore the balance between right and wrong.

Horseracing an Old Sport.

Chester was probably the first place in England where horseracing was established, as in 1609 the mayor of that city offered a prize for such a contest.

Eggs of Reptiles.

Reptiles' eggs are not very attractive objects. In the case of crocodiles and many kinds of tortoises, they are pale-colored or white, and resemble those of birds in shape.

Rocking-Chair Depravity.

A rocking chair will move about all over the room until it finds a squeaky board in the floor, and there it will stay, immovable as the neighbor who keeps a pig.

Many Interpretations Possible.

"Too much silence," says Booth Tarkington, "is open to suspicion. It may be reticence, or it may be a vacuum. It may be dignity, or it may be false teeth."

The Automobilist.

The man in front drives like mad all day, and the ladies sit still and look at the scenery. Man at the wheel has no time for that. When they stop for the night, he's too tired for conversation.—From the Atlantic.

CAUSED BY WEIGHT OF SNOW

Simple Explanation of Odd Shapes of Trees, That Has Been a Mystery to Many.

To the person who is not versed in forest lore the grotesquely bent tree trunks that are to be found in almost all woods are mystifying, and wonder is often expressed as to the cause, remarks the Popular Science Monthly. Foresters will answer questioners that in the case of trees in mountainous country and other sections where the snowfall is heavy, the weight of snow is responsible in most instances for the queer twists they assume. When a tree is young the weight of snow that falls on its branches often bends the trunk over until it is flattened to the ground. Sometimes it is buried under six or eight feet of snow and held in that position so long that when warm weather comes the tree fails to spring back into its normal position. The summer sun causes the tip of the young tree to turn upward and if it manages to withstand the weight of the snow of the next winter, that portion of the tree will, as a general rule, continue to grow in a normal way. "Harped" bends and other odd shapes result.

A curious tree stands on the top of Tunnel hill, Johnstown, Pa., about four miles from town. It is a sugar maple about one hundred years old which has prolonged its own life by grafting a branch into a much younger tree.

BECOMES IRKSOME AT TIMES

No Matter What the Nature of One's Occupation, Its Routine Will Occasionally Weary.

Are there times when your work becomes intolerably irksome? Yes? Well, don't jump at the conclusion that you are in the wrong place when this happens once in awhile. That will be true whatever work you choose. No matter how well adapted you are to your occupation, there will come times when your thoughts will wander, and the routine will weary you, and you will feel that any other work would be preferable to that which you have chosen. One of the best-known woman writers of the last generation wrote an impassioned warning to literary aspirants, telling them to do any work, even scrubbing floors, in preference to taking up a literary career. Undoubtedly she wrote at a time when her chosen work seemed unspeakably irksome, but if she had been cornered, she would probably have acknowledged that the profession of authorship has considerable to commend it when compared with scrubbing floors.

This occasional impatience with our vocation is inevitable. No matter how congenial it is, there are times when it will seem a burden. The people who change their occupation every time it begins to bore them, are the tramps of the business world.

As to Remarkable Longevity.

We have all read of Thomas Parr, who lived to be one hundred and fifty-two. Likewise of the countess of Desmond, one hundred and forty-five; Margaret Patten, one hundred and thirty-seven; Thomas Damme, one hundred and sixty-four; John Rovin, one hundred and seventy-two; and Peter Torton, who reached the age of one hundred and eighty-five. But these cases of extraordinary longevity lack proof.

In the days when those persons lived no accurate chronological records were kept, and dates of occurrences were usually fixed by associating them in memory with other events believed to have happened about the same time. A man's identity was liable to be confused with that of a grandfather of the same name.

Nowadays nobody lives to any such ages. Why imagine that the extreme limits of longevity have shrunk within the last two or three centuries?

Winter's Discipline.

He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter. It is true the pomp and pageantry are swept away, but the essential elements remain—the day and the night, the mountain and the valley, the elemental play and succession, and the perpetual presence of the infinite sky. In winter the stars seem to have rekindled their fires, the moon achieves a fuller triumph, and the heavens wear a look of more exalted simplicity. Summer is more wooing, . . . more versatile and human, appeals to the affections and the sentiments, and fosters inquiry and the art impulse. Winter is of a more heroic cast, and addresses the intellect. The severe studies and disciplines come easier in winter. One imposes larger tasks upon himself.

How to Tell Age of Eggs.

There is a simple method of ascertaining the age of eggs, based upon the fact that the airy space at the broad end of the egg increases with its age. Now, when the egg is placed in a tumbler of water in which any amount of common salt is dissolved, it will, with increasing age, tend ever more to assume a position with its longitudinal axis in a perpendicular direction. A fresh laid egg will lie horizontally on the bottom of the vessel. An egg from three to four days old will rise with its broad end, so that its longitudinal axis forms with its horizontal axis an angle of 20 degrees. At the age of eight days the angle increases to 45 degrees, at the age of two weeks to 60 degrees, and at the age of three weeks to about 75 degrees. When the egg is more than a month old it will float perpendicularly on its small end.

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Executrix' Notice.

Estate of Emilie L. Welsh, late of Centerville Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania, Deceased

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned Executrix, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

Rebecca W. Clark, Executrix,
246 Balph Avenue,
Bellevue, Pittsburg, Pa.
David M. McCloskey, Atty.,
Charleroi, Pa.

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Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing: take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now; it will drive out the germs of Winter, purify the stomach, regulate the bowels—nature's spring tonic-cleanser. Hennings Drug Store.

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We have added quite a few more suits to this wonderful sale of boys' and children's suits. Now is the time to secure a real bargain. It will surely pay every man or woman who has a boy to come in and select one of these suits for their boy for we say without fear of contradiction that the same goods will cost you over double what we ask for them. If you want a real bargain come at once while the picking is good.

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TELLS OF VISIT TO CAMP HANCOCK

John H. Risbeck, National Director of the Loyal Order of Moose, after making a recent trip through the south, has spoken of a visit to Camp Hancock and the 110th Regiment, formerly the old "Fighting Tenth:"

On my recent automobile trip to the various army cantonments I was repeatedly inspired by meeting the boys from back home in the various towns of Western Pennsylvania. Nowhere did I find the old Pennsylvania spirit of which all of us of the Keystone state are so proud, more fittingly shown or more virile than in the old Fighting Tenth, now known as the One Hundred and Tenth Infantry U. S. N. G. It broke the hearts of many of the boys when they lost the identity of their old outfit, but war times seem to break every tie that human beings hold dear.

One thing which I think the Fighting Tenth should bemore proud of than anything else is their Regimental hut, the only one in the United States. In the division of 30,000 men this is the only regiment which has their own hut. They are very proud of the fact that this hut was built with money raised in the towns from which the boys came. Most of the money was raised by Capt. Chas. E. Schall, Chaplain of the Regiment, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg.

Major Jos. H. Thompson of Beaver Falls is very active in arranging social functions in the Hut and is stage manager and master of ceremonies at the Tuesday evening entertainments.

Major Edward Martin is one of the most active officers in looking after the good of the boys and if there are any mothers who are anxious for the welfare and the morals of their boys they would find great relief and comfort if they could see the various groups of boys in the Hut; writing letters, reading, singing and talking together in groups.

The Hut is the regimental gathering place. Here is a circulating library with a librarian who is detailed from the regiment and changed weekly. Paper and envelopes are furnished and the boys reminded to write home. There is a moving picture booth at one end and a stage with a dressing room on each side at the other end of the building. The floor is covered with rows of benches loaned by the First Presbyterian church of Augusta. When dances are held the benches are removed.

The weekly program is as follows: Sunday morning at 9:30 Chaplain Schall holds divine services which are undenominational and are well attended. The balance of the day the boys gather to write letters, read, sing and play as well as to entertain visiting friends.

On Monday night there is usually a moving picture show, usually military pictures are shown which are instructive as well as entertaining. Tuesday evening is the weekly vaudeville entertainment which is gotten up by Maj. Thompson and is always one of the big features of the week.

Wednesday night there is a band concert by the regimental band which sometimes gives concerts in the Opera House down town on Sunday afternoon. Then Thursday night there is a dance and for the other two nights there is always something special, so there is something doing every night in the week.

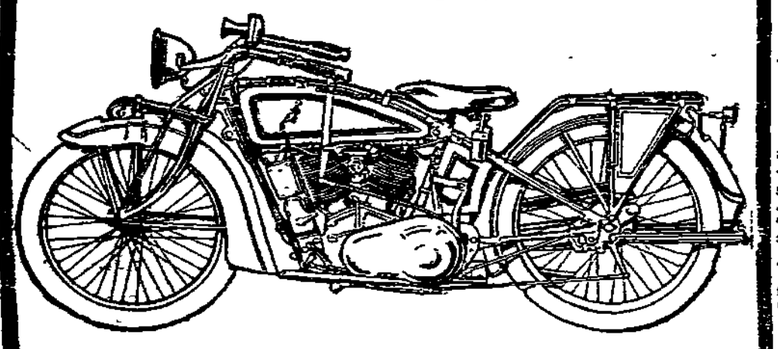
When I visited Camp Hancock, Maj. Thompson arranged for a Moose Rally and all the members of the regiment who are members of the Loyal Order of Moose and their friends gathered in the Hut till it was filled to overflowing. We had with us Past Supreme Dictator Ewing W. Marshall of Uniontown. Associate National Director, Wm. N. Robson of Pittsburg and John H. Giles of Pittsburg and there was great speech making and the story of the Moose was told again as well as various messages that had been sent by the folk back home.

We had with us Gilbert Morris, staff photographer of the Pittsburg Press who took a flash light of the happy throng.

At first the boys were anxious to get into the trenches but they have been disappointed so often that they just live one day at a time now. When I was at the Hut they still had their Christmas tree and they told me of the big time they had on Christmas. Of course the boys would rather have been home but the officials of the 110th left nothing undone to make a happy Christmas for the boys.

Receive $5 Book of War Savings Stamps Free

Answer Following Questions



Name of Motorcycle . . . . Where is it made

Who is Distributor in Washington, Fayette and Greene Counties . .

What horsepower . . . . How many speeds .

Where is clutch control

What kind of clutch . . . . . .

What is Kashion Sprocket

What is the advantage of cleaning carbon on this make. . . . . .

What operates the exhaust valve in starting . . . . . .

How many gallons of gasoline and quarts of oil will it consume in 64 miles with sidecar and two passengers

What priming device is used

State three of the largest races this machine has won . . . . . .

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How long has the local firm been distributor

What was the output in 1916 . . . . In 1917

Name of other machine local firm is going to represent

Made by whom . . . . . Where

Fill out above questions plainly, sign name and address, and mail to Contest Editor, Charleroi Mail. Contest closes Saturday, March 9th, at 12 o'clock. The prize winner will be announced in this space March 11th with the best reply.

Name . . . . . .

Address

ANGELO FECONDO IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

Angelo Fecondo of East Canonsburg, indicted for the murder of Bernardino Gionguila of East Canonsburg on the night of December 9, 1918 was Tuesday afternoon adjudged not guilty. Fecondo had put up a strong plea of self-defense, and the jury evidently believed his story. The case was given the jury early in the day and a verdict was reached shortly before one o'clock.

NAVIGATION OPEN AFTER SEVERAL HOURS SUSPENSION

After attaining a height of 29 feet and three inches on the lower guage at Lock No. 4, the river began to fall this morning and the locking of boats was resumed. Navigation was suspended for several hours on account of the high water, occasioned of the heavy rains of Monday.

DR. DIXON HEAD OF STATE HEALTH DEAD

Dr Samuel G. Dixon, commissioner of health of the State Department of Health who is credited with having placed Pennsylvania among the foremost states in public health work and in the treatment of tuberculosis, died at the University of Pennsylvania hospital Tuesday, February 26, after a long illness from anemia. He was aged 66 years. He was appointed commisisoner of health in 1905 when the department was created and was renamed by each succeeding governor.

Dr. Dixon was born in Philadelphia March 23, 1851, was privately educated and for a time practiced law. Not being in robust health he studied medicine, attending medical school in Europe and America and earned a world wide reputation in the field of hygene and bacteriology. He was probably best known for original and advanced work in the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.

ERROR MADE IN NAMING DIRECTORS

In securing the list of officers named for the coming year by the Charleroi Business Men's Association an error was made in giving those elected as directors. Those named at the meeting are as follows: John D. Berryman, Walter Byerly, J. O. Watson, I. Birken and Henry Swickey.

Notice

February 25, 1918.

To the members of the Lincoln Athletic and Literary Society.

Whereas, the Supreme Ruler has called to a higher life our beloved friend and Brother Anthony Sigmond, who in life was a tireless worker and Loyal member of the Lincoln Athletic and Literary Society and his untimely death causes us to reflect upon his manliness and his exemplary character and our appreciation of him. Therefore, be it resolved that the Lincoln Athletic and Literary Society in regular meeting assembled, extends to the bereaved family, our heartfelt sympathy in their unmeasurable loss of an affectionate Husband and kind Father whose life was complete in general good will, resolved that our Charter be draped for a period of thirty days in token of our respect for the departed that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes and they be published in the Charleroi Mail.

Nathan Malin, Pres.

216-t1

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9 room and 8 room house renting for $55 per month, for $4300 if sold this month. We also have other good investments in real estate. For Rent one good store room. Good location

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413 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration—by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

GREAT STORY IS TOLD BY DR. HILLIS

The Charleroi public will have an opportunity at the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 7 to hear Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, successor of Henry Ward Beecher, and one of the most powerful orators, preachers and lecturers in the United States tell the thrilling story of his experiences on the six hundred miles of battle front from the Dutch Coast to the Swiss Border. Dr. Hillis has recently returned from a tour of investigation, where he was the special guest of the British, French and Belgium Governments, to study conditions as they really exist and to secure data for our Government for the new Liberty Loan Drive. On account of his special mission he was permitted, under official escort to get nearer to the actual seat of hostilities than anyone else on a like mission. He spent many sleepless days and nights in the trenches with hugh shells bursting over his head all the time and unable to sleep on account of the constant roar of the cannon. He covered practically the entire devastated regions of Belgium, Northern France and Alsace Lorraine.

Dr. Hillis had exceptional opportunities to see the results of Hun atrocities in Belgium and France and he gives details of cruelties practiced upon wounded soldiers, inoffensive civilians, women and children that should convince even the most obdurate pacifist that the United States is fighting for humanity against a foe that has openly disregarded all laws of humanity, mercy and international warfare. Dr. Hillis calls his graphic illustrated lecture "German Atrocities," their nature and philosophy. He brought back with him over six hundred actual photographs of murders, arson, rape and wanton destruction of human life and property that seem almost beyond the compass of the human mind to conceive. These pictures taken on the fighting front serve to illustrate many of the incidents of his dramatic, vital interesting story.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDowell of Massilon, Ohio, visited in Charleroi Tuesday with Mrs. McDowell's sister Miss Marion Benedict.

Classified

FOR SALE—Smallfruit and chicken farm one mile from Monongahela on Washington Pike, containing 5 1-4 acres, 6 room house, spring well and cistern, barn and large chicken house 72 feet long. Fruit of all kinds, red and black raspberries, black berries, currents and gooseberries, apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and grapes. Bell telephone 15-W Monongahela 195-tf

FOR SALE—A bed davenport and [illegible] Inquire 102 [illegible] 196-tfp.

FOR SALE—At reasonable price [illegible] with gas, water, [illegible] lot 40x100 feet. [illegible] session. Situate [illegible] Shady avenue. Inquire E. J. [illegible] Company. 212-tf

FOR SALE—$1600.00 five room house gas, water, lot 40x100 feet $500.00 cash balance easy terms. Good condition, situate 706 Shady avenue. Inquire E. J. Charles Charleroi Savings and Trust company. 212-tf

FOR SALE—Baby carriage in first class condition. Used just a few times. Inquire 118 Mail office. 215-tfp

FOR RENT—One or two bedrooms bath, use of dining room and kitchen. 117 Mail office. 214-t3-p

WANTED—Good boy for all day. [illegible] Cash Meat Market. Call [illegible] Kean. 20[illegible]-tf

WANTED—Young girl to assist with housework. Apply 116 Mail office. 214-tf

WANTED—Girl to help with general housework. One who can go home nights. Inquire 119 Mail office. 215-tf-p

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Must be experienced. Good wages. Apply at Porter's jewelry store, 502 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 215-t3

WANTED—Thoroughly competent female stenographer can get in touch with a vacancy considerably above the average by addressing 120 Mail office. 215-tf

LOST—Unfinished gray scarf together with needles and half a hank of yarn. Between Ninth and Shady and Fifth and Washington. Sunday the 17th. Finder please return to 114 Mail office. 213-t4

VALUE OF A PUMP ON A FIRE TRUCK

The value of a pump on a fire truck was appreciated not only by the Donora fire department but by the owner of the Monessen laundry, which called the department of the neighboring town to bring their apparatus and assist in pumping out the basement of their building, which had been flooded. The Donora truck is equipped with a high-power pump which has come in handy on more than one occasion and particularly in places where the water pressure is weak. It has been the means of saving hundreds of dollars which would have otherwise gone up in smoke and it is an acquisition highly prized by the down river fire fighters. It did splendid service Monday night for the Monessen laundry and saved them many hundreds of dollars.

ADAMS

Pure Chewing Gum

a Stick a day keeps "Nerves" away

BLACK JACK

IN MISERY FOR YEARS

Mrs. Courtney Tells How She Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Oskaloosa, Iowa.—"For years I was simply in misery from a weakness and awful pains—and nothing seemed to do me any good. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so and got relief right away. I can certainly recommend this valuable medicine to other women who suffer, for it has done such good work for me and I know it will help others if they will give it a fair trial."—Mrs. LIZZIE COURTNEY, 108 8th Ave., West, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Why will women drag along from day to day, year in and year out, suffering such misery as did Mrs. Courtney, when such letters as this are continually being published. Every woman who suffers from displacements, irregularities, inflammation, ulceration, backache, nervousness, or who is passing through the Change of Life should give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. For special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of its long experience is at your service.

Your Child's Skin
will be free from chafing, scalding eruptions and all soreness if you use
Sykes Comfort Powder
For more than 25 years it has been healing and preventing skin soreness.
25c at the Vinol and other drug stores
The Comfort Powder Co., Boston, Mass.

HE CURED CHRONIC COLD WITH VINOL

Mr. Bagley's Letter Printed Here as Proof

Dunn, N. C.—"I suffered with a chronic cold for four months, coughed day and night. Had to keep on working when I was not able to. I saw Vinol advertised and tried it, and I want to tell you it just cured that cold in a short time."—J. C. Bagley, Dunn, N. C.

Vinol because Vinol is a constitutional cod liver and iron remedy which aids digestion, enriches the blood and creates strength. Then chronic coughs and colds naturally disappear. Your money will be returned if it does not help you.

Piper's Drug Store, Charleroi and at the best drug store in every town and city in the country.

A SAFE TEST

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are strongly recommended by Belle Vernon people.

Alonzo Clegg, painter and paper hanger, Box No. 18, Belle Vernon, Pa., says: "About a year ago my kidneys got weak. The doctor claimed that the fumes from the turpentine caused the trouble. I had a constant dull pain in my back and when I reached over or exerted myself, sharp, shooting twinges darted through my arms and shoulders. The kidney secretions passed too frequently and caused a burning sensation. I noticed that the secretions were highly colored and they deposited sediment. My head ached most all the time and I often got so dizzy that I could hardly stand. I tried almost everything I knew of but wasn't benefited until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. One box cured me."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. Clegg. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 43

FOR SALE

75 acre farm 8 room house, barn and other out buildings, fruit. 2 veins of Coal Waynesburg and Freeport and a gas lease worth $80.00 per year. Railroad station at corner of farm. Located on old National Pike between Bealsville and Scenery Hill all for $200 per acre. Possession right away. for particulars see

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Charleroi, Pa.
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Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

DAY OF NATIVITY UNKNOWN

World Has Only Tradition to Rely Upon as to Date of the Birth of Christ.

The traditional 25th of December as the date of the birth of the Savior has no historical authority beyond the fourth century, when the Christmas festival was introduced first in Rome (A. D 330), on the basis of several Roman festivals (the Saturnalia, Sigillaria, Juvenalia, Brumalia, or Dies natalis Invicti Solis), which were held in the latter part of December, in commemoration of the golden age of liberty and equality, and in honor of the sun who in the winter solstice is, as it were, born anew, and begins his conquering march. The only indication of the season of Christ's birth is the fact that the shepherds were watching their flocks in the field at the time (Luke 11:8), and this fact points to any other season rather than winter, which is, therefore, not favorable to the traditional date. Besides, the ancient tradition is of no account here, as it varied down to the fourth century. Clement of Alexandria relates that some regarded the 25th, Pachon (i. e., May 20), others the 24th or 25th, Pharmuthi (April 19 or 20), as the day of Nativity.

As to modern research, the only point on which divines generally agree is that Christ was not born on Christmas day, while numerous learned authorities put the birth on almost every date of the year.

HILL PUZZLE TO GEOLOGISTS

Stone Columns on Eminence Near Pachuca, in Mexico, Out of Keeping With Other Formations.

A very remarkable geological freak in Mexico is a mountain situated near Pachuca which presents the appearance at a distance of being covered with spikes. The sides of the mountain are closely studded with stone columns or palisades. These columns are five to twelve feet long and as large round as an average man's body. It is a remarkable uplift of nature which has the appearance, however, of being the handiwork of human beings. One side of the mountain is almost perpendicular and the stone columns protrude from the surface at right angles, forming an impressive picture.

Pachuca is one of the most noted mining districts in Mexico, and it is said by geologists that this remarkable spiked mountain is out of keeping with the remainder of the formation of the mineralized region. The stone is as hard as flint and has withstood the elements of ages. The spikes form a natural battlement that makes the mountain appear from a distance like an ancient fort. The mines of the Pachuca district are situated not far from this wonderful freak of nature, but the formation encountered in their respective underground workings is of an entirely different kind from that of the palisade.

How Tornado Originates.

The tornado of the Western plains is identical in formation with the sandwhirl. The sun beats fiercely on a limited area—say ten square miles of barren prairie—and as a result the air next the earth becomes very hot, perhaps 120 degrees, and the mass is constantly increasing in volume. Above the warm air is a stratum perhaps 20 degrees colder.

By and by a passageway is made, the hot air begins to ascend and the cold upper air, pressing downward, forces the lighter air through a channel thus formed. It begins to whirl, it increases in velocity, a surface current forces it along, and the tornado starts on its destructive journey.

The terrific cyclone originates in much the same way, only differing in extent. The most violent cyclones originate in tropical latitudes, in the Atlantic ocean, to the north and east of West Indian islands and in the Pacific, in the China sea and in the neighborhood of the Philippine islands.

The reason they are so destructive is because they are carried such great distances by extraneous influences.

Sheep Has Wooden Leg.

Charles Krauter, living near Bucyrus, O., had a lamb get tangled up in a fence and injure its leg. The veterinary told him the leg had to come off. Krauter did not want to lose the lamb, so minus the leg he nursed it back to health and then fixed up a peg leg for it.

Now the lamb has grown to be a sheep and still stumps around on the wooden leg. Occasionally the wooden member becomes loose and falls off, and the sheep then hobbles over to a soft spot and waits until some one comes along to fasten the leg on again.

The wooden leg doesn't interfere with the sheep growing wool. Mr. Krauter says, and wool is wool nowadays.

Proud Record of Marines.

As the first battle of the American navy was fought and won by the marines, so, down through the years of the Revolutionary war, we find the marines at the forefront when difficult work was to be done. In fact there were but few expeditions in which they did not figure in more or less strength. Thus Lieutenant Wallingford of the marines died at the head of his men under John Paul Jones in the battle between the Ranger and the Drake; and in the classic fight between the Bon Homme Richard under Paul Jones and the Serapis, the marines lost 49 out of 137 men.

ANNIE LAURIE REAL PERSON

American Girl of Same "Ilk" Gives Facts of Origin of the Popular Scotch Song.

More than once has the question as to whether Annie Laurie, the subject of the ever-popular and ever-living song bearing her name as title, was a real person or mere fiction.

A letter has come to hand that was written by Miss M. E. Riddle, daughter of the late Judge Riddle, for many years a circuit court justice in this section, says a writer in the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. The Riddles were of Laurie ilk, as Scotch folk say, and they had gone to some considerable pains to get the story of the song straight, as there had been considerable contention about it. Here it is:

"Jean Riddell (the name later spelled Riddle) was married to Sir Robert Laurie, the first baronet of Maxwelton. One of their daughters was Annie Laurie, celebrated in Scotch song.

"Annie Laurie was famed for her beauty and cleverness, and was a social favorite in all the country round about, so it was not at all surprising that she captivated a Mr. Douglas of England, a man of culture and of letters, who composed the song bearing her name.

"But seeing that the course of true love does not run smoothly, she married a Mr. Gurgesson, leaving Mr. Douglas to his hunting and his verses.

"To this day many pilgrims go to Maxwelton, drawn thither by the much-loved song, 'Annie Laurie.' Many also visit Craigdorroch, where she spent her married life in comfort."

WARY OLD BIRD IS TRUTH

Fact Worth Remembering When One Is Tempted to Criticise Errors Seen in Newspapers.

"Where do you get the absurd facts you print?" is a favorite query put to newspaper men. In the view of these cynics, newspapers spend most of their time misspelling names, imagining incidents that never happened, and generally manhandling life as it is led.

There is just one answer to be made to the query above, and that is: "Newspapers get such of their facts as are absurd from the absurd human beings who for one reason or a thousand refuse to relate facts accurately." Newspapers, truth-telling newspapers, spend a very large part of their time correcting these misstatements, running them to their source, and getting at the truth. A certain proportion of error gets by—not as great a proportion as can be heard in any village neighborhood gossip, for it is the concern of newspapers—of honest ones, that is—to allow for errors and correct them, whereas it is the concern of those other purveyors of news, gossips, to create errors whenever they are more interesting than the truth.

The next time you find an error in your favorite newspaper, try an experiment. Try to capture one small fact yourself, in your own home town. You will quickly discover just how wary a bird the truth is and how very unpopular.—New York Tribune.

Japanese Arts and Letters.

The Yamato association has been formed by distinguished Japanese citizens for the purpose of making Nippon's achievements in arts and letters better known to the western world. Its promoters believe that Japanese civilization is not correctly understood by the vast majority of Occidental people. Her naval, military and scientific advancement is recognized, but the West has yet to comprehend the significance of her achievements in the humanities. The Japan Magazine, commenting upon the new organization, says: "Many foreigners are disposed to look upon Japan as merely a military nation, whereas her most important side is the genius of her unique civilization and character. If people could get a glimpse of the soul of Japan they would have quite a different opinion of her. This can best be had from Japanese art and literature, which in many ways are equal to those of the West. Even those Occidentals who try to appreciate Japanese art prefer the least representative art of the nation. And as for Japanese literature, it is practically unknown among western people."

The association will publish works on Japanese history, literature and art and make translations into European languages of the best works of Japanese writers, ancient and modern; in addition its endeavor will be to promote the improvement of the national music and drama.

Glass Industry in America.

Glass was first manufactured in America by the people of Jamestown, Va., during the year 1615. Commenting on this fact, John Smith lamented that "the labor of the colony has been misdirected in the manufacture of ashes, soap, glass and tar, in which they could by no means compete with Sweden or Russia." The inhabitants of Jamestown did not agree with this view, however, and soon afterward commenced the erection of a glass works, the completion of which was interrupted by the Indian massacre of 1622. The first glass factory in North America to attempt the industry on an ambitious scale was built in 1780, at Temple, N. H., by Robert Hewes of Boston. The workmen, 32 in number, were German deserters from the British army. The carelessness of a workman caused the destruction of the plant by fire in 1781. In 1803 a glass factory was established in Boston, and since that time the industry has flourished.

EXPLAINS LAUGH OF BABIES

We Come Into This World of Sorrows With a Mysterious Sense of Humor.

The human love of nonsense is a divine mystery. We have often heard pessimists declare that we come into the world weeping. It is truer, I think, to say that we come into it laughing. For laughter in a baby seems to be its first conscious appreciation of something outside its small needs and pains. It may cry merely because a pin is sticking into it, but it laughs because already it sees something that makes it laugh, it knows not why, something that catches the eye or ear and seems irresistibly funny to it.

There is nothing more mysterious than a baby's sense of humor. It frequently loses it as it grows up, together with the other trailing clouds of glory, but most babies are born with it. To satisfy it nursery rhymes were invented, and to satisfy the same instinct in grown people "The Hunting of the Snark," that incomparable classic, came into being, and Carroll and Colbert and Lear stood on their heads, so to speak, and performed such verbal antics before high heaven as must have made the very angels laugh.

When the Owl and the Pussy Cat, having dined on mice and slices of quince, "hand in hand, on the edge of the sand," "dance by the light of the moon," there is something which, as Stevenson was fond of saying, delights the great heart of man. But, of course, with these modern artists of nonsense there is usually a deliberate attempt at the grotesque and the absurd. We know why we are laughing, but with the old-fashioned rhymes of which I am chiefly thinking, we laugh—or, for that matter, cry, perhaps—without having any reason to give.—Richard Le Gallienne, in Harper's Magazine.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR WIFE

Seek Her in Butcher's Shop, Says This Writer, and Mark Just How She Buys.

A good housewife will look at least two square meals ahead of her nose. The modern system of marketing during the high cost regime is such a fine art that a youth contemplating matrimony should hie to the market place for selecting a bride. My boy, Zim advises in Cartoons Magazine, when you see a maiden pinching, smelling and pricing a soup bone, you may rely on her sense of economy, for she is looking forward not less than two meals. The soup bone, when cooked, is merely food in the rough or primitive state. Its choicest by-products are realized after bouillon stage. Thereafter comes goulash, the croquettes and the luscious hash. By all means avoid the girl who orders choice cuts of porterhouse or English mutton chops. She will not make a good helpmate. But the girl who selects the chuck or neck pieces or the tail end of a ham bone, and renders them into dainty, palatable dishes is the one you want. So take my advice and seek the market place when you feel that you have had your fill of bachelor loneliness and wish a taste of wedlock. Follow such a girl around until you are perfectly satisfied, then nail her.

Way to Success.

Power is the goal of every worthy ambition and only weakness comes from imitation or dependence on others, says a writer in Success. Power is self-developed, self-generated. We cannot increase the strength of our muscles by sitting in a gymnasium and letting another exercise for us.

Nothing else so destroys the power to stand alone as the habit of leaning upon others. If you lean you never will be strong or original. Stand alone or bury your ambition to be somebody in the world.

The man who tries to give his children a start in the world so that they will not have so hard a time as he had is unknowingly bringing disaster upon them. What he calls giving them a start probably will give them a setback in the world. Young people need all the motive power they can get. They are naturally leaners, imitators, copiers, and it is easy for them to develop into echoes or imitations. They will not walk alone while you furnish crutches; they will lean upon you just as long as you will let them.

One of the greatest delusions that a human being could ever have is that he is permanently benefited by continued assistance from others.

Miners Live Long.

It is an extraordinary fact that even when deaths from accident are included, the rate of mortality among miners of Great Britain is materially lower than that among any other big class of labor, except agriculturists, and appreciably lower than the average rate of mortality among males. This fact was discovered by Doctor Tatham, while acting as superintendent of statistics in the office of the registrar general. Doctor Tatham points out that while the risk of fatal accidents among the coal miners is much greater than among other males generally, their risk of death by disease is much lower, being 16.6 per cent less than all occupied males, and 23.2 per cent less than that of all males. While coal miners appear to suffer more than the average mortality from bronchitis, they show marked immunity from consumption, their mortality from that disease being less than half the average. From diseases of the nervous system their mortality is 18 per cent lower; heart disease, 10 per cent lower, and from disease of the liver 10 per cent lower than among all males.

Classified From the Start.

Frank was the youngest of a family consisting of three boys, and was naturally excited over the arrival of a baby sister. He ran over to a neighbor's house to tell her the glad news and said, "Say, what do you think? We've got a new baby at our house and it's a lady!"

Seward Named Alaska.

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